

# **Clara Barton and Julian B. Hubbell letters S0074**

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## Summary Information

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## Biographical Note

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World-renowned relief organizer and humanitarian, Clara Barton, was born December 25, 1821 to Stephen and Sarah Barton of Oxford, Massachusetts. Her work as a humanitarian began while she was working as a clerk in the U.S. Patent Office in Washington D.C. at the start of the U.S. Civil War. Seeing a need to help, she risked her life to bring supplies and support to the soldiers in the field. After the war, she became involved with the International Red Cross and founded the American Red Cross in 1881. After serving as president of the organization for 23 years, Miss Barton resigned in 1904. She passed away on April 12, 1912 at her home in Glen Echo, Maryland.

### Sources:

Ancestry.com. "Clara Barton." Massachusetts Death Records, 1841-1915. Accessed August 24, 2016. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/>.

"Clara Barton." *Civil War Trust*. Accessed August 24, 2016. <http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/biographies/clara-barton.html>

"Founder Clara Barton." *American Red Cross*. Accessed August 24, 2016. <http://www.redcross.org/about-us/history/clara-barton>.

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## Biographical Note

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Physician and humanitarian, Dr. Julian B. Hubbell, was a loyal supporter of Clara Barton and the American Red Cross. Hubbell was the first American Red Cross chief field agent and he was with the organization from its beginnings in 1881 until he resigned with Miss Barton in 1904. He met Barton in Dansville, New York while working as a professor of science and as principal of the Hygienic Seminary. At the request of Barton, Hubbell began the study of medicine at the University of Michigan in 1881. Even though he was often called away from his studies to help in the field, he received his medical degree in 1883. Born on February 5, 1847 in Sabula, Iowa, Dr. Hubbell passed away in Glen Echo, Maryland on November 19, 1929.

### Source:

"Clara Barton: A Quiet Leader: Dr. Julian B. Hubbell, the first American Red Cross Chief Field Agent." National Park Service. Accessed August 24, 2016. <https://www.nps.gov/clba/learn/kidsyouth/upload/CLBA-Dr-Hubbell72810.pdf>.

## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes photocopies of an October 1, 1887 letter written to R.D.O. Smith in Washington D.C. by Julian B. Hubbell in which he describes his and Clara Barton's experiences at the 4th International Conference of the Red Cross Society in Karlsruhe, Germany. Also included are photocopies of an April 23, 1888 letter sent to Smith by Hubbell with an added paragraph by Clara and a separate letter she wrote to "Gussie" regarding the purchase of a house.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- International Committee of the Red Cross.

### **Genre(s)**

- Correspondence

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Germany

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Barton, Clara, 1821-1912
- Hubbell, Julian B. (Julian Bertine), 1847-1929

### **Subject(s)**

- Congresses and conventions
- Medical care
- Medical social work
- Philanthropists

- Physicians